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CONGRESSMAN PITTENGER STRONGLY SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLE STEPS TO DEFUND OR REPLACE OBAMACARE

CHARLOTTE – During Monday's town hall meeting at Queens University of Charlotte, Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) was asked several questions about the impact of Obamacare on hardworking Americans and efforts to repeal, replace, or defund the legislation.

"Obamacare is killing jobs, slowing economic growth, and scaring hardworking Americans with the thought of 16,000 IRS agents empowered to oversee their personal healthcare decisions," commented Congressman Pittenger.

"Replacing this misguided legislation with common-sense reforms is one of my top priorities, and I am working on several different fronts, including co-sponsoring legislation to defund Obamacare, legislation to repeal Obamacare, and legislation to replace Obamacare with a comprehensive, market-driven, carefully-planned package of reforms."

"While I support efforts to defund Obamacare, the political reality is that goal is not currently achievable. Senator Harry Reid would never let it pass the Senate, and President Obama would never sign it into law. A better option is to push for common-sense Medicare reform, or approval of the Keystone pipeline, in exchange for raising the debt ceiling. Let's get something done!"

"If we shut down the government, as some advocate, Obamacare remains in full force. Most of Obamacare is in the law as mandatory spending, which continues during a shutdown. What would not continue would be pay for our brave soldiers, treatment for our veterans, and funding for critical services for our seniors. Voting for this sort of collateral damage is irresponsible and a misguided effort to fight Obamacare."

"Because Democrats control both the Senate and White House, I am also pushing efforts to repeal the most damaging portions of Obamacare, including a provision that would force student workers and single parents to purchase insurance they don't need or can't afford."

"By working on several fronts," continued Congressman Pittenger, *"we can seize every good opportunity to free hardworking American families from these expensive, unworkable mandates."*

Congressman Pittenger was the first North Carolina Congressman to co-sponsor important legislation in the fight against Obamacare:

- **H.R. 2682**, the *Defund Obamacare Act of 2013*, which responsibly defunds Obamacare while protecting soldiers, veterans, and senior citizens from the “co-lateral damage” of other proposals.
- **H.R. 45**, which would fully repeal Obamacare.
- **H.R. 2300**, the *Empowering Patients First Act*, which would repeal and replace Obamacare with common-sense reforms that lower healthcare costs without unnecessary government intrusion.
- **H.R. 1254**, the *Auto-Enroll Repeal Act*, which repeals provisions of Obamacare that would force student workers and single parents to purchase health coverage they don’t need or can’t afford.

Congressman Pittenger has also co-sponsored the following 9 bills related to Obamacare:

- **H.R. 2009**, the *Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013*, which prohibits the Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate of the Secretary, from implementing or enforcing any provisions of or amendments made by the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) or the *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010*.
- **H.R. 2775**, the *No Subsidies Without Verification Act*, which conditions the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational.
- **H.R. 523**, the *Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2013*, which amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the excise tax on medical device manufacturers and importers.
- **H.R. 351**, the *Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2013*, which repeals sections of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare), and restores provisions of law amended by such sections, related to the establishment of an Independent Payment Advisory Board to develop and submit detailed proposals to reduce the per capita rate of growth in Medicare spending to the President for Congress to consider.
- **H.R. 567**, the *State Health Flexibility Act of 2013*, which repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), the Health Care and Educational Reconciliation Act of 2010, SSA title XIX (Medicaid), and SSA title XXI (State Children’s Health Insurance Program/CHIP).
- **H.R. 582**, the *Healthcare Tax Relief and Mandate Repeal Act*, which amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) terminate the requirement, added by the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) that individuals maintain minimum essential health insurance coverage for themselves and dependents; and (2) repeal provisions added by Obamacare requiring certain employers who have a workforce of 50 or more full-time employees to provide health insurance coverage for their employees.

- **H.R. 763**, which calls for repeal of the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- **H.R. 1005**, the *Defund Obamacare Act*, which deauthorizes appropriations to carry out the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) or the *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010*, or any amendments made by them.
- **H.Res. 153**, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare) violates article 1, section 7, clause 1 of the United States Constitution because it was a “bill for raising revenue” that did not originate in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Pittenger joined the U.S. House of Representatives in passing the following legislation regarding Obamacare mandates:

- **H.R. 2667**, the *Authority for Mandate Delay Act*, which amends Obamacare to delay until 2015 enforcement of requirements that large employers offer their full-time employees the opportunity to enroll in minimum essential coverage.
- **H.R. 2668**, the *Fairness for American Families Act*, which amends Obamacare to delay until 2015 the requirement that individuals carry a minimum level of health coverage.

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